

Remarks

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 16, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-26 were pending in the application. Of those claims, claims 1-19 are withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 20-26. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 20-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 20-26 of copending Application No. 11/161,592 (“the ‘592 application”). On January 25, 2007, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment in the ‘592 application to cancel claims 20-26. On April 5, 2007, the Patent Office mailed a non-final Office Action in the ‘592 application, which reflects that the Applicants’ Preliminary Amendment was entered. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the § 101 rejection because the conflicting claims have been cancelled from the ‘592 application. M.P.E.P. § 804.02(I).

Further, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-19, which were previously withdrawn from consideration.

CONCLUSION

No additional fees are believed to be due as a result of the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with the filing of this paper to the Deposit Account of Applicants' assignee, Ford Global Technologies LLC, Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Matthew M. Jakubowski, attorney for Applicants' at the Examiner's convenience at (248) 358-4400.

Respectfully submitted,

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